

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
	:	Examiner: Yogesh K. Aggarwal
HIROKI HIYAMA ET AL.)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 2622
Application No.: 09/625,843)	
	:	Confirmation No. 7974
Filed: July 26, 2000)	
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For: IMAGE PICKUP DEVICE)	February 16, 2007

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 16, 2006, please amend the above-identified application, as follows, prior to the further examination of the application pursuant to the Request for Continued Examination which is being filed herewith.